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S.B. No. 618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the liability of certain property owners who allow handguns to be carried on certain property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 4, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 95A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 95A. GUN-FREE ZONE REDUCTION ACT

Sec. 95A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "License holder" means a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

(2) "Non-prohibited property" means property on which the carrying of a handgun by a license holder is not prohibited pursuant to Sections 46.03 or 46.035, Penal Code.

Sec. 95A.002. NO CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ALLOWING HANDGUNS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY. There shall be no cause of action against an owner or lessee of non-prohibited property based on the owner's or lessee's decision not to forbid the carrying of handguns on the non-prohibited property by giving notice pursuant to Sections 30.06 or 30.07, Penal Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 95A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, does not apply to a cause of action that accrued before the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action immediately before that date, and

1 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.